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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING :
APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING
METHOD, AND IMAGE PROCESSING
PROGRAM

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

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SIR:

We, Katsushi IKEUCHI, Hiroshi KAWASAKI, Ryusuke SAGAWA, and Shuntaro YAMAZAKI, declare as follows:

1. We are the joint inventors of the subject matter described in the United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/602,600, filed June 25, 2003, entitled: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, which subject matter is disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.
2. We are co-authors of an article entitled "MICROFACET BILLBOARDING" in the Thirteenth Eurographics Workshop on Rendering, pages 169-179, published June 26, 2002, less than one year prior to the filing date of the above-referenced patent application and we are the joint inventors of the subject matter disclosed in this published article and disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

3. In addition to ourselves, there is one other co-author of the above-noted published article: Mr. Masao Sakauchi. While Mr. Sakauchi is a co-author of the above-noted published article, he is not a joint inventor of the subject matter disclosed in the published article and disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

4. Mr. Sakauchi ^{was a Ph.D., advisor of} Mr. Hiroshi Kawasaki [set forth in detail what Mr. Sakauchi contributed to the article],

5. Mr. Sakauchi was listed as a co-author of the above-referenced published article in order to receive credit for his having contributed as set forth in paragraph 4, not as a joint inventor of the subject matter disclosed in the published article that is disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.

6. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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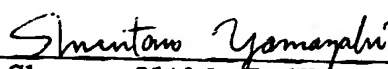
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